

# Texas Monarch & Native Pollinator Conservation Plan

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Significant decline in the population of eastern North American migrating monarchs has led to widespread concern in Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Texas will play a critical role in conservation efforts aimed at monarch conservation given its strategic position along the species migratory pathway. In addition, 30 native pollinator/flower-visiting species (bees, butterflies, and moths) are designated as Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) in Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) Texas Conservation Action Plan. These SGCN and the monarch are dependent upon similar landscape level habitat features (open natural community types hosting floral resources and host plants).



The Texas Monarch/Native Pollinator Conservation Plan acknowledges Texas' unique contribution to the long-term persistence of the North American monarch migration and TPWD's leading role in the conservation of SGCN in Texas. This plan outlines actions in Texas that will contribute to monarch and overall native pollinator conservation in Texas by highlighting four broad categories of monarch and native pollinator conservation: habitat conservation, education and outreach, research and monitoring, and partnerships. This conservation plan details specific actions associated with each of these categories by TPWD and other stakeholders. TPWD will continue to develop this plan as new stakeholders are identified and become engaged in this collaboration.

